

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

Charity Name: **SOUTHAMPTON CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Also known as: SCCC

Registered charity number: 1087945

Charity's principle address

The Chapel
Ancasta Road
Southampton
Hampshire
SO14 6SL

Name of Trustees

Dr Tat Shing Yam
Mr Ho Lee Wong
Mr Erik Hu

Governing document Constitution adopted 6 July 2001

The charity is constituted by Trust

Trustee selection method

Candidates must be 18 years of age or over and are members of the SCCC and have demonstrated over a sufficient length of time that they are faithful and spiritually mature members of the body of Christ. Existing trustees can nominate new trustees for election at the SGM or AGM.

Policies and Procedures

There is a safe-guarding policy (updated in February 2024) in place. We carried out DBS check for all Youth group / Sunday School teachers and helpers. These checks will be renewed every three years as recommended.

Ongoing review of the health and safety issues including COVID-19 policy to ensure all statutory requirements and standards are met and aligned with the UK government guidance.

Objectives of the charity

I. To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Chinese, primarily but not exclusively, in Southampton and its surrounding areas.

2. To provide a spiritual home for Christians and to care for their spiritual welfare.
3. To equip Christians for service
4. To collaborate with other Christian churches or organisations.
5. To relieve those in need, hardships and distress

Church Vision

By God's grace, we will become a living and an outreaching church

Highlights of 2023-24

In 2024 SCCC entered its second phase – Growth – of our church vision. We continued to focus on building our church community through fellowships and home groups which provided a platform to reach out to new people, to share gospel, to support one another and to encourage spiritual growth. There were eleven fellowships and eight home groups meeting regularly at various locations, such as church centre, university campus as well as brothers and sisters home.

Both of Cantonese Sunday morning service and multi-lingual afternoon service continued to take place at the Richard Taunton Sixth Form College and Portswood Church respectively. With a gradual increase in the number of congregations, on average there were about 220 people attending either Sunday service on each Sunday. As more and more Cantonese speaking youths joining our Sunday morning service, a Cantonese youth group was also established at RTSFC and their meetings took place at the same time as the adult Sunday morning service and Children Sunday School. Occasionally, children and youths also had their additional activities on Saturday or weekdays at Portswood Church and church centre.

During this twelve-month period, our church ministries were supported by two visiting pastors. Pastor Man His Lin and Sister Shirley from Malaysia visited us for 3 months (July – September 2023). Pastor Lin was also the speaker for the mandarin camp at our summer retreat. In January 2024 Pastor Marshall Wong from Hong Kong visited us for two months.

SCCC had the whole church summer retreat at Pioneer Centre, Kidderminster in July 2023. The theme of this retreat was 'Cross the wilderness and undertake the mission' and it was attended by over eighty people. In 2023 there were two baptismal services where a total of four brothers and ten sisters were baptised into our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition, another eleven brothers and sisters applied to become members of SCCC.

Weekly Wednesday online prayer meetings and online adult Sunday school courses were continued to complement various church ministries and sustain the spiritual growth of brothers and sisters in Christ.

SCCC continues to care for the spiritual needs of the new immigrants from Hong Kong but also provides practical support to help them settle down in Southampton and its neighbouring areas. Throughout the summer 2023 SCCC provided face-to-face talks on gardening, safe driving and supporting children.

Financial review

Our principal sources of funds are from members of the church. There is no outside fundraising or donation from outside organisation. The key expenditures for this year include the rental cost for our Sunday meeting venue, staff salary and wages, as well as financial support to the external Christian Mission organisations and our mission partners. We also donate to other charity organisations for the relief of natural disasters (earthquake in Turkey and Morocco and flooding in Libya) as well as the local homeless. The charity employs one part-time worker for the children ministry, one part-time pastoral worker in training and one full-time pastor.

The general fund includes a reserve of one year of staff salary, pensions and operating expenses to ensure that the trustees can respond to any unexpected changes in income and expenditure.

The charity has no deficit.

The charity has a property as Church Centre which was purchased in December 2016.

All trustees are volunteers and do not receive any remuneration or other benefits from the charity.

Prepared by

Dr Tat Shing Yam

Trustee
Chairman of SCCC Management Committee

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR FROM 1st APRIL 2023 - 31st March 2024

CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NUMBER: 1087945

	Note	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
<u>General Fund</u>			
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
General Fund		90,585	99,574
Bank interest		835	738
TOTAL RECEIPTS		91,420	100,312
<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
Rent for church meetings		19,316	19,227
Pastor 's accommodation rental cost		9,900	9,900
Speaker Fee		2,863	3110
Salary and tax		35,589	32,354
Contribution to Workplace Pension		1,767	621
DBS Check		133	350
Bibles & books		345	395
Courses		498	-
Insurance		740	660
Music Licence		375	830
Sundry payments	1	2,366	1,798
Donation to other charities	2	2,400	500
General expenses in Church Centre	3	1,935	3,109
Children and Youth ministry	4	168	629
Outside Mission Support	5	18,919	11,400
Church events	6	9,801	2,409
TOTAL PAYMENTS		105,522	87,292
BALANCE of General Fund this period		-15,695	13,020
ADD balanced fund b/f from last year 22/23		120,752	107,732
LESS transferred to Reserved Fund			
Balance of General Fund @31/03/2024		106,650	120,752

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	2023/24		2022/23
CHURCH CENTRE FUND	£		£
Offering received	-		-
Less:			
Repair & Renewal	1,593		-
Capital Expenses for Church Centre	-		-
BALANCE of Church Centre Fund this period	-1,593		-
Add Retained fund from last year 22/23	26,683		26,683
Balance of Church Centre fund @31/03/2024	25,090	B	26,683
Reserved Fund @ 31/03/2023	50,000		50,000
Balance of Reserved Fund @ 31/03/2024	50,000	C	50,000
TOTAL FUND @31/03/2024	181,740	A+B+C	197,435

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Total income for the year	91,420		100,312
Total expenditure for the year	105,522		87,292
Total Net gain/loss for the year	-15,695		13,020
Add Balance b/f from last year 22/23	197,435	D	183,515
Balance Fund for this year 23/24	181,740		197,435

Allocation of funds @31/03/2024

General Fund	106,650	A	120,752
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Reserved Fund	50,000	C	50,000
TOTAL FUND	181,740		197,435

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	2023/24		2022/23	
Assets				
	£		£	
Church Centre building	166,250		166,250	
Legal and survey fee	2,176		2,176	
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	7,787		7,787	
Improvement to Property	<u>39,956</u>	216,169	<u>39,956</u>	216,169
Deposit accounts	80,000		80,000	
Bank current account	101,740		120,752	
Cash in hand	<u>-</u>	181,740	<u>-</u>	197,435
		<u>397,908.83</u>		<u>413,604</u>
Liabilities		0		0
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NET Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>397,908.83</u>		<u>413,604</u>

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS
FROM 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024

Notes on Accounts

1	Sundry payments	Bank charges	£84
		Communion cups	£18
		computer	£278
		Laptop	£469
		Laptop bag	£20
		PA system & computer accessories	£115
		S C N (Southampton church network-subscription)	£80
		SAGE(Payroll system)	£78
		Travel expenses	£680
		USB Hub	£55
		Wreath	£217
		Flowers & accessories	£38
		Misc	£234
			£2,366
2	Donations to other charities	FEED THE HUNGRY UKMOROCCO EARTHQUAKE	£400
		INTERNATIONAL RESCUE LIBYA FLOODING	£400
		St James Homeless	£300
		Turkey relief	£1,300
			£2,400
3	General Expenses of Church Ce	Broadband	£192
		cleaning	£510
		Electricity & Gas	£750
		Waste collection	£299
		Water	£184
			£1,935
4	Outside Mission Support	ANDREW WEIGHILL	£400
		Carol Forbes	£1,200
		Chong Sheng Duan	£3,000
		CITC	£1,000
		COCM	£3,000
		Friends International	£2,200
		Pastor Lin & Shirley	£3,419
		Pastor Wong	£4,200
		CCHC-UK	£500
			£18,919
5	Church events	Camp	£4,064
		CCF Away	£800
		Clay music	£3,167
		Mandarin events	£1,637
		Pastors meeting	£103
		Welcome event	£30
			£9,801



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
SOUTHAMPTON CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST MARCH 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1087945

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2024**.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: *A Khan*

Date: 30/01/2025

Name: Asif Khan

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACCA

Address:

26 Kent Aveue

Slough

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.